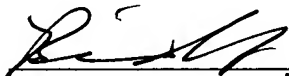


REMARKS

The Examiner has issued a final rejection of claims 1-8, 10-13, 15-22, 24-27 and 29-31. Claims 34-40 have been cancelled as directed to a non-elected invention. The Examiner has stated that claims 9, 14, 23, 28 and 32-33 are allowable. However, the Examiner has objected to these claims as depending from rejected base claims. In order to put the application in condition for allowance, Applicants have amended claims 9, 14, 23, 28 and 32-33 to make each claim an independent claim that incorporates the limitations of the base claims and any intervening claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants request entry of the amended claims as presented above and a notice of allowance.

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